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TO : [redacted], Chief, Security Research Staff A

FROM : [redacted] Chief, Technical Branch F

DATE: 10 October 1952

SUBJECT: First Case, [redacted] August 1952, Disposal Question.

A 1. On Thursday, 2 October 1952, the writer was told by employees of your Office that a [redacted], apparently associated with one of the operations desks, had called in connection with the above mentioned case. Apparently [redacted] had talked the matter over with [redacted] the I&S Staff.

A 2. In order to determine exactly what the problem was, the writer contacted [redacted] and was told that [redacted] was concerned about the disposition in the case referred to above and what I&SO's position would be in this matter. [redacted] stated that [redacted] wanted to talk with you or me in this connection.

A 3. Since you were sick at the time, I got in touch with [redacted] and explained to him that I felt, at the present time, I could not give him any advice concerning the case until I had checked with the professional end of the Artichoke Team [redacted] I told him that disposition was not a problem of I&SO or Artichoke, but, to assist him, I would attempt to reach [redacted] and obtain some information. I stated that there was a chance you would be returning to your desk on Friday, 10 October 1952.

A 4. The writer was unable to reach [redacted] until approximately 9:40 AM on the morning of 10 October. Using concealed words, the writer explained the problem to [redacted] and [redacted] informed the writer that, in his opinion, a total amnesia had been obtained in this case as far as the advanced Artichoke technique was concerned. He stated that he had completed his report and that his report would so reflect this. [redacted] stated that insofar as he was concerned, the subject would have no knowledge of the advanced type of treatment and, hence, would not be a problem on that account if turned loose.

A 5. After having received word from [redacted] the writer got in touch with [redacted] and explained to him the situation in detail, making it very clear to [redacted] that no dispatch should be sent that would indicate that I&SO or Artichoke was in any way dictating disposal methods since this was not our problem. [redacted] stated that he very clearly understood this. The writer then told [redacted] that it was the professional opinion of the Artichoke Team that there would not be any hazard in turning the subject loose insofar as the Artichoke treatment was concerned. The writer made it very clear to [redacted] that this was the considered professional opinion of the Team and the

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Team ([redacted] included) would be in agreement on this. The writer, however, clearly stated that any dispatch to the field should indicate that absolute certainty would never exist in this matter, but the dispatch should reflect that the Team is of the opinion that a very good chance would exist for a total amnesia.

6. The writer pointed out to [redacted] that insofar as Security is concerned in such matters (although they have no interest in disposition as a general rule) the most conservative approach should be made. [redacted] stated that he understood this completely.

7. The writer stated that in the event [redacted] came in, he would take the matter up with him immediately.

8. [redacted] pointed out that the field wanted an immediate reply and he [redacted] wanted to get a cable out by noon.

9. The writer was unable to get in touch with [redacted] who was on annual leave this date.

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NOTE: The above memorandum was dictated at the conclusion of the last telephone conversation with [redacted] at 9:58 AM, this date.

At approximately 11:25 AM, the writer initialled an operations dispatch by [redacted] re above. We will get copy of same. Dispatch was in line with writer's views in the matter.

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